

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2005
SICK JUTE MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of sick and closed jute mills in the country;
- (b) the number of workers involved in those mills, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is envisaging a comprehensive plan to revive those sick and closed Jute Mills;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme for the rehabilitation of the workers of these closed/sick Jute Mills; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 BY SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2005.

(a) & (b): The total number of sick and closed jute mills along-with the number of workers involved therein, state-wise, is given below:-

State	No.of sick mills closed	No.of sick mills closed	No.of non-sick mills closed	Total	No.of sick mills closed
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No.of mills	No.of empl- oyees	No.of mills	No.of empl- oyees	No.of mills	No.of empl- oyees	No.of mills	No.of empl- oyees	No.of mills	No.of empl- oyees
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
			(4)+(6)	(5)+(6)				

West Bengal	29	97667	3	9409	1	1575	4	10984
Orissa	1	1847	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tripura	1	1328	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	1	2735	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	2	4550	2	4550	-	-	2	4550
Bihar	1	1241	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	35	109368	5	13959	1	1575	6	15534

NB: Six jute mills of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) are officially not closed as employees continue to get wages but there is no production in any one of the mills of NJMC since April, 2004

(c) & (d): Generally, the sick mills, private as well as public, are referred to BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial body, to examine the scope for rehabilitation of sick mills. Revival schemes of such units are prepared/examined by an Operating Agency, appointed by the BIFR which is normally a Financial Institution. On the receipt of the Rehabilitation Package, BIFR decides the cases of rehabilitation of the individual units. As on date, 30 jute mills have been referred to the BIFR.

The Government is also operating several Schemes like the Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), the Jute Entrepreneurs Assistance Scheme (JEAS), the JMDC Incentive Scheme for Modernization of Jute Industry, and the External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme aimed at modernization and market development in the jute sector, and, are part of the 10th Five Year Plan.

(e) & (f): Government of India has recognized and provided measures for safeguarding the interests of workers in textile units that have been unviable and are facing permanent closure. The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Scheme to provide interim relief to workers rendered unemployed as a consequence to the permanent closure/liquidation of the textile units in the private sector, is also applicable to jute textile sector. Government of India offers attractive VRS benefits to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings, who are willing to accept such offer.